

CURRENT TOPICS.

All the national homes are now overcrowded.

There are 291 railroad depots and stations in London.

Famine and plague threaten to decimate the inhabitants of India.

Not a single infectious disease is known in Greenland.

You get a bath in Japan for a cent and laundry work is 15 cents a dozen.

Eighteen million emigrants have landed in the United States since 1923.

Continued gambling is now regarded as sufficient grounds for divorce in France.

A St. Louis judge fined a man \$25 the other day for exporting in a street car.

The date of the confederate reunion at Nashville has been changed to June 23 and 24.

A mile a minute has been made by an iceboat on Lake Minnichewa, near Cheyenne, Wyo.

Maryville, Mo., has its population from \$1,000 upward.

Chicago has 7,000 saloons. Their receipts are \$21,000,000, and 25 per cent of it comes from the saloons.

The Methodists will have a building and a literary and historical exhibit at the Tennessee Centennial exposition.

In New York and surrounding cities and towns fall two-thirds of the moon. In the woodworkers' trades are idle.

If a burn is sprinkled freely with powdered charcoal the burning sensation will be relieved almost immediately.

Manufacturers and unionists of Chicago have prepared a bill to prohibit competition of convict with free labor.

Indians have reached the Arizona Territory, and people of Phoenix recently noted a fine riding his wheel along the Tempe road.

It costs Great Britain \$15,000 a year to maintain the women's pack of deerhounds. The people are petitioning her to give them up.

A thirty farmer who lives 150 miles from the nearest railroad, brought a wagon load of eggs, chickens and cabbage into Eddy, N. M.

It is reported that the Casino at Monte Carlo recently refused admission to Ellen Terry on the ground that she was too ill dressed.

The victory army of Lawrence, Kas., changed the devil in effigy the other day after rejecting as irrelevant the proposition to burn him.

Spicers, states an estate pencils are no longer allowed in the public schools of Cambridge, Mass. Paper, pens and pencils have been prohibited.

A man was caught selling in the household of John Berry, of the Colorado, Grand Canyon, when the cat had a litter of half-bred polecats.

The city of Stockholm has 14,000 telephones, or one for every 150 people, a higher average than can be found anywhere else in the world.

At Mountain Spring, Ariz., an abandoned shaft and tunnel have been found, which are said to contain gold.

The house where Dr. Faust is supposed to have been born, at Rode, near Weimer, Germany, has been pulled down and sold as old building material for \$25.

San Carlos, Ariz., boasts that it has 254,700 pounds of cotton last year, beating all the other states in the number of bales to the square mile under cultivation.

A Minnesota Sunday-school association will take a religious census of the city, sending its enumerators from house to house to ascertain the religious faith of every family.

One Illinois writer sent \$1,000 in advertising his book and never sold a copy. Another spent \$50 in selling attention to a little one.

A pretentious chase at Emmaus, Pa., came to an end by the wolf taking possession of a fence corner and then getting into a tree, fighting off all his hounds attacking from the front.

The minister of education of Korea is a devout Christian and a lay preacher in the Methodist Episcopal church. He graduated at Vanderbilt university, Nashville, Tenn. His wife is also a Christian.

Us citizens of Atkinson, Kan., found him still the other day in an English institution for the aged, recently requested the authorities to let them have a tandem bicycle, as they felt the need of exercise.

Returned against the use of the terms "England" and "British" for "Britain" and "British" is being signed in Scotland, in order to be presented next summer to her majesty, as the "fourth of June."

A feature of the population statistics of western Australia is the large proportion of males to females. The disparity is maintained in the arrivals by sea. At present there are 45 females to every 100 males.

An office has been fitted up in the second story of the Camp office building, Philadelphia, for the use of the Japanese representatives, who will superintend the construction of the Mikado's cracker-jack cruiser.

Mrs. Jones drew, at the age of 74, has joined the cast of "The Sporting Duchess," undaunted by the horses that run through its turf scenes or by the vicissitudes of theatrical travel.

In Oklahoma City a mother has been charged with neglecting her child, who lay helplessly beneath a very low ceiling when a protruding nail pierced the soft spot in the center of its head, causing death. The unhappy mother has become hopelessly insane.

The water of the river Tinto, in Spain, hardens and petrifies the sand of its bed, and if a stone falls in the stream and floats upon another, in a few months the stone will become one of the petrified fish.

A monster golden eagle, weighing 26 pounds, was shot at Josh Craven's ranch in the foothills, and was brought into Sanger, Cal., for the people to obtain a glimpse of this wonderful bird of prey, which carried off a pig or a lamb with a single swoop, and causes great loss to the foothill ranchers.

The Texas senate and house contain 61 lawyers, 27 farmers, 10 editors, nine physicians, ten stock-raiders, six educators, three real estate dealers, two ministers, two bankers, two surveyors, one manufacturer, one insurance agent, one dentist, one druggist, one cotton buyer and one "sea-off" farmer.

CONTROLLER ECKELS

Asks for Uniformity in Collecting Bank Statistics

For Use in His Annual Report—The Secretary of the Treasury Recommends an Increase of Silver Certificates of Small Denominations

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The secretary of the treasury has informed the senate that unless immediate steps are taken to increase the daily delivery of silver certificates of small denominations by the bureau of engraving and printing the stock of such certificates in the treasury will be depleted as to prevent the delivery of the denominations usually called for by the banks. He recommends an appropriation of \$50,000 for increasing the force to keep up with the demands.

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THE CONFLICT

Between Sugar Planters and Gen. Weyler

Continued—Both the Contending Parties Are Determined to Carry the Day

Key West, Fla., Jan. 25.—Advices from Havana say that the conflict between the sugar planters and Weyler continues with more bitterness than ever. Both are determined to carry out their purposes, and the unusual spectacle is presented of two contending parties fighting with one another without openly declaring their hostility. Weyler, on one side is trying to prevent them from grinding but without stating it officially and the planters, on the other are defying his orders, and today grinding their estates near Artemisa, twenty days ago, states are grinding in several provinces of the island, but many are making preparations to do so. Weyler, it is declared, has given orders to his troops to burn all the cane fields on their march, especially of those estates whose owners have declared their intention to grind in defiance of his orders.

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